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the Risk Associated With)
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated 1/23/98, please amend as follows.

In the Claims:

1. (amended) A process for evaluating the strength of a specific intellectual property for purposes of commercializing it comprising the steps of :
- a) interacting with a computer;
 - b) entering data from one or more sources into said computer, said computer having been pre-programmed such that said data is organized by one or more predetermined risk factors grouped into categories;
 - c) evaluating the data by comparing [it] each risk factor and each category to a preset standard;
 - d) computing a score by transforming said data into a composite score which represents a relative degree of strength associated with any undertaking to commercialize said intellectual property;
3. (amended) The process of Claim 1 wherein the predetermined risk factors [for organizing the data are] are grouped into categories selected from the categories of subjects [consisting of] comprising: Technical Orientation, Technical Review, Preliminary Assessment, Patent Study, Market Identification and Analysis, Industry Intelligence, Cost/ Benefit Analysis, Marketing/Licensing Assessment and Licensing/Enforcement.

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